

A Clash Of The Titans

Lincoln, NE. — You could have called it "A Clash of the Titans." Third-ranked Penn State and 12th-ranked Nebraska played a game reminiscent of Nebraska's 31-24 win over Alabama in 1977.

This time, though, the Cornhuskers lost, 30-24, to a vastly improved Penn State team, whose product was every bit as good as its promotion.

The Nittany Lions' offensive line and All-American halfback candidate Curt Warner came into the game with rave reviews and left Memorial Stadium convincing all critics.

In 28 carries against Nebraska's punishing Black Shirts, Warner gained a career-high 238 yards, just 12 yards short of a Penn State record set by Shorty Miller against Carnegie Tech in 1912.

Warner's total was 205 yards more than the Nittany Lions netted on the ground as a team last year against Nebraska. Joe Paterno, thus, advanced to a 1-2 record against NU Coach Tom Osborne in the last three years.

Brian Franco proved equally frustrating to Nebraska's 114th consecutive sellout crowd of 76,308 fans. Franco hit all five of his field goal attempts, from 29, 48, 39, 20 and 32 yards out, on a windy day.

His perfect performance broke the Penn State single-game record of four shared by Matt and Chris Bahr, both of whom went on to pro careers.

Attendance: 76,308.

How They Scored		
PSU-NU		Time Left
FIRST QUARTER		
3-0	Field Goal, Franco 29 Drive: 68 yards in 9 plays.	9:45
SECOND QUARTER		
3-7	Craig 2 run (Seibel kick) Drive: 77 yards in 7 plays.	12:20
6-7	Field Goal, Franco 48 Drive: 54 yards in 6 plays.	8:33
9-7	Field Goal, Franco 39 Drive: 39 yards in 4 plays.	6:26
9-10	Field Goal, Neil 30 Drive: 59 yards in 7 plays.	1:25
17-10	Jackson 33 pass from Blackledge (Cole pass from Blackledge) Drive: 81 yards in 5 plays.	:30
THIRD QUARTER		
17-17	Williams 9 pass from Mauer (Seibel kick) Drive: 30 yards in 5 plays.	11:57
20-17	Field Goal, Franco 20 Drive: 74 yards in 12 plays.	6:29
20-24	Woodard 16 pass from Mauer (Seibel kick) Drive: 74 yards in 10 plays.	2:39
FOURTH QUARTER		
27-24	Coles 2 run (Franco kick) Drive: 61 yards in 8 plays.	11:02
30-24	Field Goal, Franco 32 Drive: 80 yards in 6 plays.	4:54



Tony Felici (46) and the Husker defense stacks up Penn State fullback Mike Meade.

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Nebraska quarterback Mark Mauer (17) runs for a first down.



Roger Craig puts NU out front early with this two-yard touchdown run in the second quarter.



Jimmy Williams knocks the ball loose from a Penn State runner.



Husker Anthony Steels breaks loose for a long gainer as part of the 327 yards rushing for NU.



Tight end Jamie Williams ties the game at 17-17 in the third quarter with this 9-yard TD reception from Mark Mauer.

Locker-room Chatter



The Huskers

Tom Osborne, head coach — "I'm embarrassed to be 1-2, but we haven't played a soft team yet. You've got to give Penn State credit. They're about two touchdowns better than the Penn State teams we beat the last two years. The key now is how our team reacts. They could go to pieces or they can buckle down and pull together. On the positive side, our effort was good — certainly better than it was at Iowa. I can't chew the players out for not trying. We just have a lot of things to iron out."

Mark Mauer, quarterback — "I felt good about Coach Osborne coming back to me in the second half. All I need is experience. I need game time. I didn't play particularly well at Iowa, but I learned a lot. I took the loss very personally. I'm trying to deal with the Penn State loss in a different perspective."

Steve Damkroger, linebacker — "I don't read the newspapers, so I hadn't heard of Sean Farrell before the game. But I sure as heck know who he is now. No wonder he's an All-American offensive guard. I hope I never have to go against another All-American the rest of my life. Farrell and his sidekick (Mike Munchak) were tough. I mean, they could block. I've never seen anyone tougher than those two."

Roger Craig, I-back — "It wasn't like we couldn't run against those guys. We just beat ourselves with all those fumbles. Penn State had good team unity. You could hear their defense talk. They wanted this game bad. They came to play. I think they're a national championship caliber team. Maybe we can't win the national championship now. But we've still got the Big Eight ahead of us. That's something to shoot for."

Brent Evans, linebacker — "(Curt) Warner never broke any of my tackles. I never missed him. He's a great back, but it's easy to gain a lot of yards when you play behind a great line like that. Penn State was coming to us and you can't play the sweep like that. You have to play the sweep on their side of the field and we didn't do it."

Curt Hinesline, middle guard — "They all played well. They have a class program. Everybody was knocking each other down, then helping each other up. I have a lot of respect for Penn State and I think they feel the same way about us."

The Nittany Lions

Joe Paterno, head coach — "We obviously are a much better football team at this stage that we were when we came out here two years ago, and we were better at quarterback this trip. We're a better football team. Nebraska may be a lot better than it was last year. I don't know. They sure looked awfully good against Florida State. I think we're pretty good, so I think they played tough."

Sean Farrell, offensive guard — "We controlled the line of scrimmage. Our whole offensive line was ready to go. We went into the game with the attitude we were going to win, no matter what it took. There was NO thought of losing. I'm not talking about being No. 1 in the nation or anything like that yet, but on a Saturday-to-Saturday basis, we're as good as anybody in the country. I don't think we can win a national title by playing the kind of football we are right now, but I think we're capable. It's the intangibles that separate the national champions from the No. 2 and No. 3 teams, the things that are done from the heart. I think we can do those things."

Chet Parlavecchio, linebacker — "I think in the first half the game must have turned around nine times. There were times I was sitting there feeling good, and there were times I was thinking: 'Oh, oh.' It must have turned around a million times. Those kind of games, you just play for the play. You don't look ahead. You don't look back."

Curt Warner, runningback — "We're basic, not fancy. What we do best is run and come right at you. The last couple of years against Nebraska, it seemed we were always second-and-11 or third-and-15, and we had to pass. It's not that Nebraska was different today. It was more that we were different. We played our game."

Brian Franco, place kicker — "I knew I was going to be used a lot this week, but I didn't think it would be that much. On the first one, I was a little nervous, but after that, I was having so much fun. I really relaxed. I really wasn't thinking about breaking many records. Every kick that came up, I just wanted to make them. Whatever it takes."

Todd Blackledge, quarterback — "We had two full weeks to prepare for Nebraska and that helped because we were ready for just about everything they had. We came out a small, scared team, but we knew we were supposed to be good and we wanted to prove it. They still hit hard and we may not face a tougher team this year."

Season Stats

TEAM

	Neb.	Opp.
First downs rushing	41	29
First downs passing	12	12
First downs penalty	0	3
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	53	44
Attempts rushing	164	149
Yards gained rushing	946	625
Yards lost rushing	66	75
NET YARDS RUSHING	880	550
Passes attempted	48	50
Passes completed	20	27
Passes had intercepted	4	1
NET YARDS PASSING	254	288
Total plays	212	199
TOTAL YARDAGE	1134	838
Interception return yards	28	20
Punts-Yards	12-487	20-969
Punting average	40.6	48.5
Punts blocked	0	0
Punt returns-yards	10-161	5-53
Kickoff returns-yds.	8-141	5-49
Penalties-yards	15-119	12-88
Fumbles-fumbles lost	15-10	12-8

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

	yds.	long	att.	yds. lost	net yds.	avg.	gain
Roger Craig.....	62	437	5	432	6.9	94	FS
Phil Bates.....	24	148	4	144	6.0	27	FS
Mike Rozier.....	26	138	2	136	5.2	23	Ia
Nate Mason.....	25	101	15	86	3.4	14	PS

SCORING

TD	FG	2-PAT	PAT	pts.
Roger Craig.....	3	—	—	18
Kevin Seibel.....	14	—	8-8	11
Tony Felici.....	1	—	—	6
Irving Fryar.....	1	—	—	6
Nate Mason.....	1	—	—	6
Eddie Neil.....	23	—	—	6
Ja. Williams.....	1	—	—	6
Scott Woodard..	1	—	—	6

SCORE BY QUARTERS

OPPONENTS.....	10	24	3	17	—	54
NEBRASKA.....	10	10	28	17	—	65

PASS RECEIVING

	caught	yds.	avg.	TD
Ja Williams	8	126	15.8	1
Roger Craig	5	26	5.2	0
Scott Woodard	3	46	15.3	1

Injury Report

Nebraska's 30-24 loss to Penn State was painful, but the injury report was good. The Cornhuskers came out of the physical game with assorted bumps and bruises.

Defensive tackle Henry Waechter reinjured an ankle, quarterback Mark Mauer bruised some ribs and linebacker Jim Corbell strained a knee. All three players, however, are expected to be ready for the Auburn game.

Steve McWhirter, Nebraska's No. 1 weakside linebacker who missed all of the Florida State and Penn State games, probably will be sidelined another week or two.

Last week, cartilage was arthroscoped from the knee McWhirter injured early in the Iowa game.

Game Stats

TEAM

	PSU	Neb.
First downs rushing	14	13
First downs passing	3	5
First downs penalty	1	0
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	18	18
Attempts rushing	56	52
Yards gained rushing	346	264
Yards lost rushing	19	9
NET YARDS RUSHING	327	255
Passes attempted	13	22
Passes completed	4	9
Passes had intercepted	0	1
NET YARDS PASSING	87	142
Total plays	69	74
TOTAL YARDAGE	414	397
Interception return yards	15	0
Punts-Yards	6-238	5-222
Punting average	39.7	44.4
Punts blocked	0	0
Punt returns-yards	3-23	0
Kickoff returns-yds.	3-23	6-90
Penalties-yards	2-10	4-30
Fumbles-fumbles lost	6-3	6-3

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

PSU — Warner 28 carries, 238 yards, 8.5 avg.; Williams 11 for 30, 2.7 avg; Meade 6 for 27, 4.5 avg; Blackledge 6 for 11, 1.8 avg; Coles 5 for 21, 4.2 avg.
NEBRASKA — Mason 5 carries, 18 yards, 3.6 avg.; Bates 10 for 40, 4.0 avg.; Craig 24 for 121, 5.1 avg.; Steels 1 for 13, 13.0 avg.; Wilkening 2 for 8, 4.0 avg.; Rozier 5 for 23, 4.6 avg.; Mauer 4 for 20, 5.0 avg.; Brungardt 1 for 12, 12.0 avg.

Passing

PSU — Blackledge 4 completions, 13 attempts for 87 yards, 0 int.
NEBRASKA — Mason 1 completion, 1 attempt for 55 yards, 0 int; Mauer 8 for 21, 1 int.

Receiving

PSU — Jackson 1 catch for 33 yards; McCloskey 1 for 30; Warner 1 for 26; Coles 1 for 2.

NEBRASKA — J. Williams 2 catches for 64 yards; Woodard 3 for 46; Craig 2 for 9; Steels 1 for 15; Brown 1 for 8.

Punting

PSU — Giacomarro 6 kicks for 238 yards, 39.7 avg.; NEBRASKA — Campbell 5 kicks for 222 yards, 44.4 avg.

Kick Returns

PSU — Robinson 1 punt for 17 yards; Williams 1 kickoff return for 9 yards, 1 punt return for 17 yards; Warner 2 kickoff returns for 14 yards.

NEBRASKA — Fryar 3 kickoff returns for -1 yards; Rozier 2 kickoff returns for 42 yards; Steels 1 kickoff return for 44 yards; Krenk 1 kickoff return for 5 yards.

Defensive

PSU — D'Amico 4 unassisted, 7 assisted for 11 tackles; Bradley 3-3 for 6; G. Harris 2-2 for 4; Ashley 3-1 for 4; Pafenroth 1-1 for 2; Opar 2-1 for 3; Wisniewski 0-1 for 1; Rowman 0-1 for 1; O'Donnell 2-0 for 2; Hines 1-0 for 1; Parlavecchio 7-3 for 10; Pryts 6-1 for 7; Radecic 2-3 for 5; Hochberg 3-1 for 4; Bradley 0-1 for 1; Seftor 0-1 for 1; Robinson 5-7 for 12; Hamilton 5-1 for 6; Lankford 4-0 for 4; Kelley 2-1 for 3; Kraus 1-1 for 2; Jackson 1-0 for 1; McMunn 0-1 for 1.

NEBRASKA — Stromath 3 unassisted, 0 assisted for 3 tackles; J. Williams 1-5 for 6; T. Williams 6-2 for 8; Merrell 4-3 for 7; Waechter 5-3 for 8; Parlavecchio 3-6 for 9; Evans 7-7 for 14; Felici 8-5 for 13; Damkroger 2-9 for 11; Van Norman 1-1 for 2; Lewis 3-2 for 5; Krejci 7-5 for 12; Lyday 0-1 for 1; Fischer 0-1 for 1; Fryar 1-0 for 1; Murphy 0-1 for 1; Sims 2-0 for 2; Lindquist 3-2 for 5; McElroy 2-0 for 2.

The Way We See It...

Jim Fyffe
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team was against Florida State and the most solid team was against Penn State. I still don't know

Coach Osborne's Evaluation

For the first time since 1960, Nebraska stands 1-2 going into its fourth football game of the season. The Cornhuskers play Auburn, which is also 1-2, this Saturday in Memorial Stadium.

Cornhusker head coach Tom Osborne isn't ready to toss in the towel, however. "We've got to come back. It's just a matter of pulling us together. If you're good enough, you'll come back," he said.

For instance, the 1969 Nebraska team, for which Osborne was an assistant coach, lost two of its first four games — 31-21 to USC and 17-7 to Missouri — but "ended up with a 9-2 record and had a very good football team," said Osborne.

That NU team began a 32-game undefeated streak which carried through two national championship seasons.

According to Osborne, this year's rugged non-conference schedule has made it difficult to get sufficient game experience for the three quarterbacks battling to win the starting job. For instance, he says he would have liked to play sophomore Turner Gill against Penn State, but "it's so hard to use three quarterbacks in a tough ball game because nobody can get the feel of the game. I just wish we'd get some breathing room."

"This is the worst year I can remember as far as having three tough games back-to-back, to start the season. We've always had an easy game or two in there," Osborne said, adding: "Being 1-2 is really tough on morale; this is a really tough time, but now we'll find out what our players are made of."

"They can go one of two ways. They can look ahead and try to get better, or they can start pointing a finger and saying 'It's not me.'"

Osborne said his team gave a good effort against Penn State, despite the 30-24 loss, and as a result, "there won't be as many changes (in the lineup) as there was after the Iowa game."

Senior Mark Mauer will start at quarterback against Auburn, with junior Nate Mason back at No. 2 after starting the Penn State game. Gill remains No. 3, and Osborne indicated junior Bruce Mathison isn't completely out of the picture.

Osborne said he would have stayed with Mason longer against Penn State, but some fumbled exchanges between Mason and the Husker backs forced the switch to Mauer.

Even so, "it wouldn't be fair to stick Turner in front of Nate (on the depth chart) this week. I feel good that both Mark and Nate have taken quite a few snaps now this

Delivery Problem?

We at the *Huskers Illustrated* understand how frustrating it is to not receive your Weekly Update before each game. It is for this reason we incur excessive charges and put in long hours immediately after each game and each Sunday following the game to insure the fact that all printing deadlines will be met. Meeting the printing deadline enables us to mail your Weekly Update by **priority, second class mail** each Monday night and early Tuesday morning following each game.

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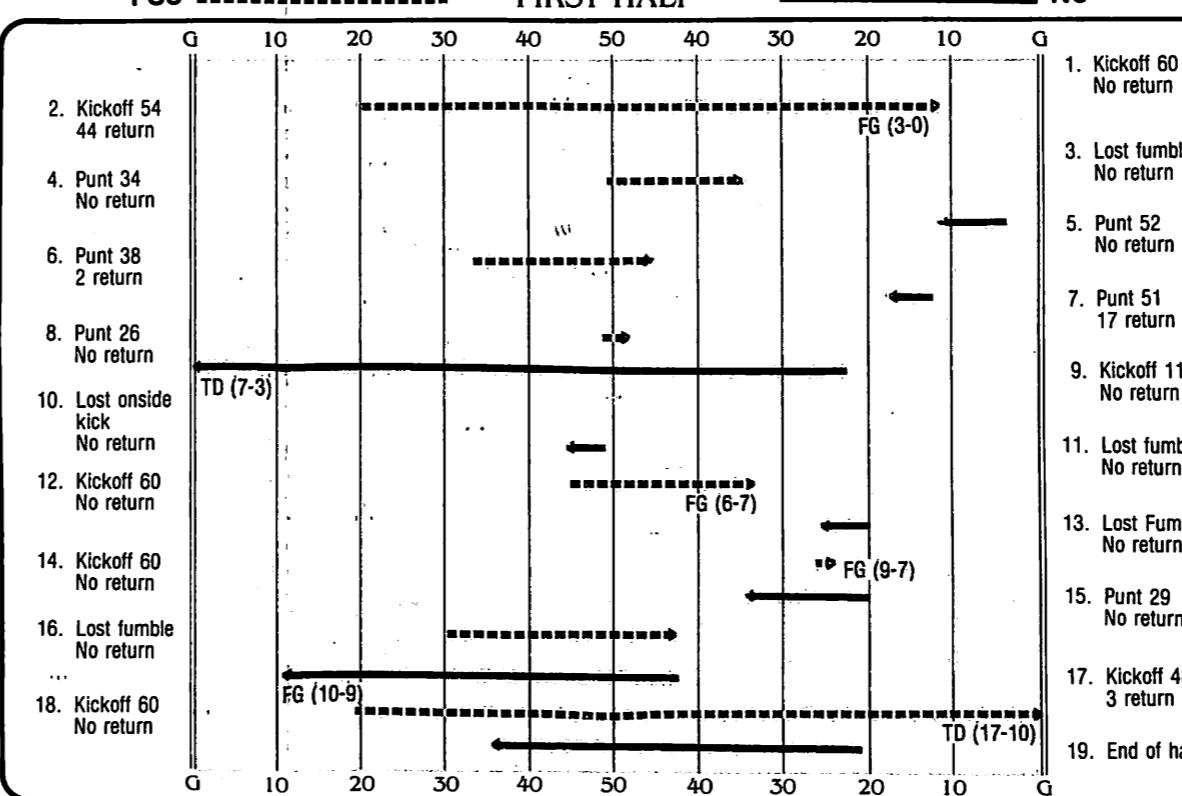
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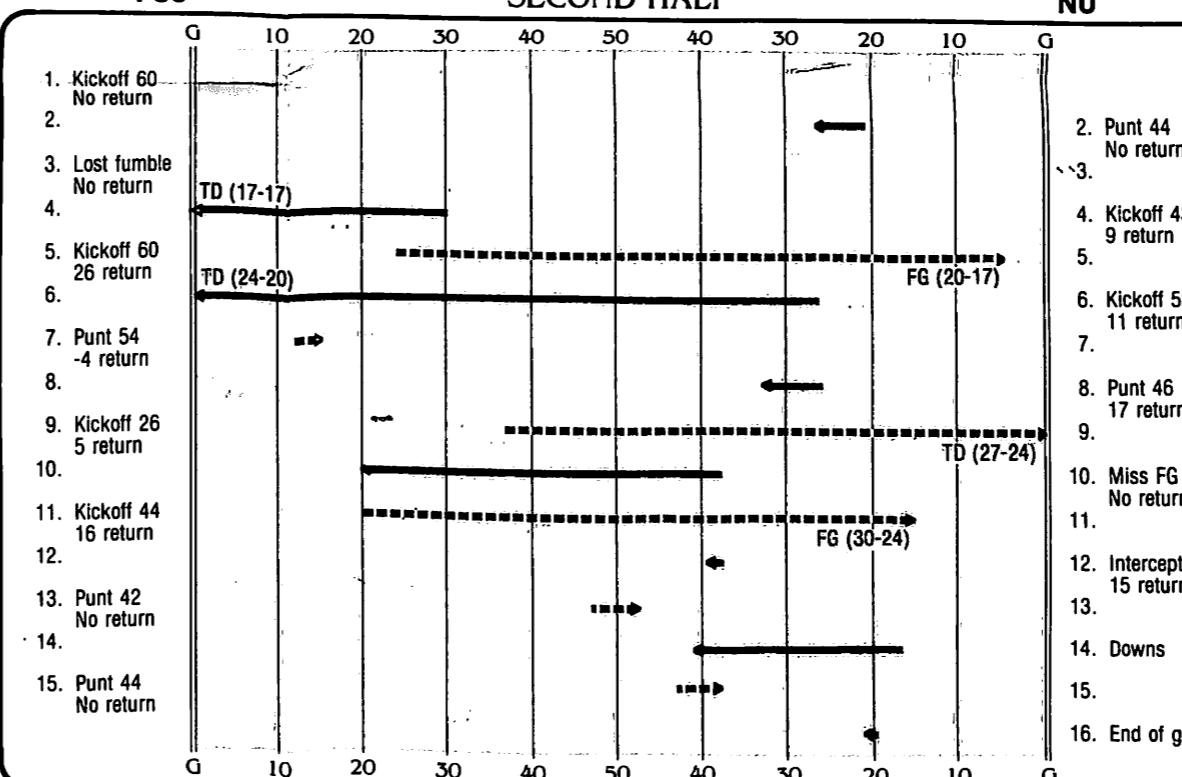
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PSU

SECOND HALF

NU



The Lineups

TWO DEEP

NEBRASKA DEFENSE

LE

96 Jimmy Williams, 6-3, 220, Sr.
87 Bill Weber, 6-2, 208, Fr.

LT

97 Toby Williams, 6-4, 255, Jr.
93 Tom Gdowski, 6-3, 244, Jr.

SLB

35 Steve Damkroger, 6-1, 221, Jr.
40 Mike Knox, 6-2, 215, Fr.

MG

74 Jeff Merrell, 6-4, 258, Jr.
59 Curt Hineline, 6-2, 244, Sr.

WLB

48 Brent Evans, 6-2, 225, Jr.

92 Jim Corbell, 6-1, 200, So.

RT

75 Henry Waechter, 6-6, 270, Sr.
99 Dave Stromath, 6-4, 250, Sr.

RE

46 Tony Felici, 6-1, 202, Jr.

86 David Ridder, 6-2, 211, So.

LC

18 Allen Lyday, 5-10, 185, Jr.

15 Ric Lindquist, 5-9, 180, Sr.

S

2 Jeff Krejci, 6-0, 178, Sr.

26 Dan Fischer, 6-1, 190, Jr.

RC

5 Rodney Lewis, 6-0, 190, Sr.

11 Neil Harris, 6-0, 190, So.

MON

6 Sammy Sims, 6-0, 190, Sr.

38 Kris Van Norman, 6-0, 197, Jr.

OFFENSE

TE

80 Jamie Williams, 6-4, 227, Jr.

84 Dan Hill, 6-3, 225, Jr.

LT

70 Jeff Kwapick, 6-3, 254, Jr.

65 Randy Theiss, 6-3, 261, Jr.

LG

68 Mike Mandelko, 6-1, 255, Jr.

71 Dean Steinkuhler, 6-3, 260, So.

C

50 Dave Rimington, 6-3, 285, Jr.

55 Brad Johnson, 6-3, 243, Jr.

RG

78 Tom Carlstrom, 6-5, 261, Sr.

69 Kurt Glatthar, 6-2, 250, Jr.

RT

72 Scott Rardon, 6-4, 253, So.

73 Dan Hurley, 6-3, 272, Sr.

SE

29 Todd Brown, 6-0, 173, Jr.

88 Scott Woodard, 5-9, 168, Sr.

QB

17 Mark Mauer, 6-1, 193, Sr.

8 Nate Mason, 6-1, 195, Jr.

WB

33 Anthony Steele, 5-8, 185, Sr.

27 David King, 5-10, 175, Jr.

FB

43 Phil Bates, 6-2, 215, Sr.

34 Doug Wilkening, 6-2, 210, So.

I-B

21 Roger Craig, 6-2, 216, Jr.

30 Mike Rozier, 5-11, 205, So.

KO & PAT

49 Kevin Seibel, 6-2, 246, Jr.

13 Eddie Neil, 5-8, 186, Jr.

P

24 Grant Campbell, 6-1, 185, Jr.

49 Kevin Seibel, 6-2, 246, Jr.

AUBURN OFFENSE

SE

1 Chris Woods, 6-1, 175, Fr.
34 Tommy Carroll, 6-2, 165, So.

RT

76 Pat Arrington, 6-5, 255, So.
69 Vance Pike, 6-3, 235, Fr.

RG

78 Keith Uecker, 6-5, 262, Sr.
66 Alan Manley, 6-4, 255, Fr.

C

68 Bob Hix, 6-3, 228, So.
50 Jerry Randall, 6-4, 220, Fr.

LG

56 Charlie Gernham, 5-11, 215, Sr.
63 Greg Zipp, 6-2, 243, Jr.

LT

74 David Jordan, 6-5, 245, So.
71 Joe Rowe, 6-6, 230, So.

TE

89 Mike Edwards, 6-4, 196, Jr.
85 Ed West, 6-1, 231, So.

RB

6 Lionel James, 5-8, 162, So.
25 Adolph Cosby, 5-11, 220, Jr.